

**MTSA Regulations found at 33 CFR Subchapter H  
Parts 104 and 105.**

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**Q.** Should vessels and facilities handling Drilling Brine (Zinc Bromide) be exempted from the requirements in 33 CFR Parts 104 and 105?

**Ans.** The U.S. Coast Guard has conducted an assessment of Drilling Brine (Zinc Bromide) and determined that it poses a low risk of causing a transportation security incident. As a result, the Coast Guard is **exempting vessels** that handle drilling brine from the requirements of 33 CFR Part 104 unless another applicability factor is involved. Likewise, the Coast Guard is **exempting facilities** that receive drilling brine (Zinc Bromide) from vessels not otherwise subject to 33 CFR Part 104 unless another applicability factor is involved.

**NOTE** For further guidance, a facility owner/operator should contact their local Captain of the Port (COTP/FMSC).